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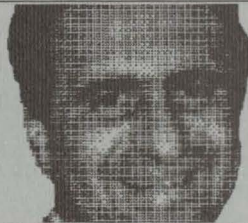
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From the Editor



This issue is THE KJA BULLETIN's fifth anniversary. Today we look at our progress and say we are glad we continued to publish it and not drop the ball, for there were times where the burden was too heavy to carry. There were times where I felt, (not speaking by experience), the same pain of a pregnant woman pushing to deliver her baby. But when the baby is out, the pain is gone. The reason we continued is the reward that you, our readers, gave us, when you wrote or called, and conveyed positive critique, or simply when you sat back and watched us, to your contentment, continue to grow. Talk to you in the next issue in November and have peaceful holidays.

Fred Lichaa (415)341-4725

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish every one of our community a happy and joyous Rosh Hashanah.

On July 4th, 1989, we had a highly successful annual picnic in San Mateo Park thanks to the organizers and the participants. The picnic was well timed and was attended by many out-of-state families and friends who came to attend Albert and Sylvia's wedding. At the picnic Eliahou Pessah, Hawaii resident, won a California Lotto Big Spin. He pledged to donate 25% of his winning to KJA. Thank you Mr Pessah for your strong support.

We are still looking to buy real state and I appeal to everyone to contact me or any board member if you find a place or has a realistic plan.

As you know, we had to fill Joe Kheder's position who relocated in San Diego. The new treasurer is Mr Abraham Massuda. Elie Moussa, our controller, is helping Abraham in this transition and we are confident of it's success. Thank you Joe and Elie.

Congratulation Abraham ! ■

HOLIDAY 's CALENDAR

Rosh Hashanah (eve) Sat Sept 30
(Sunset Prayer & Havdalah at Joe Pessah's home)

Rosh Hashanah Sun Oct 1
(Morning prayer at Joe Pessah's)

Kippour (eve) Mon Oct 9

Kippour Tue Oct 10
(All day Prayer at Elie Moussa's home)

Soukkot (eve) Sat Oct 14

Soukkot Sun Oct 15
(4 pm Soukkah at Sarina Pessah's home)

Simhat Torah (eve) Sat Oct 21

Simhat Torah Sun Oct 22
(Morning Prayer at Joe Moussa's home)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

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**THE DAY OF SHOUTING
(YOM TEROUAH - ROSH HASHANA - NEW YEAR)**

The following material was sent by our community in Israel to help explain the meaning of the holy day as well as the often asked question on why the Karaite do not blow the shofar on Rosh Hashana?. This article is translated from 'Adderet Eliahou'. It is interesting to follow the progressive reasoning that lead to such decision in the Karaite point of view. Note the care taken to derive a consistent interpretation.

'Yom Terouah', the Day of Shouting, is considered as the new year and falls on the first day of the seventh month of Tishri:

"In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall ye have a rest day, a memorial of the shouting, a convocation of holiness" (Leviticus XXIII, 23) . 'And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a convocation of holiness: Ye shall do no manner of work; it is a day of shouting unto you"(Numbers XXIX, 1)

Thus, this holiday is the new year in respect of debt settlements and jubilees i.e the settling of financial debts, debts on land, and the release of slaves; the people also

shouted out loud in order to awaken the heart of men to repentance during the Ten Days of Mercy preceding the Day of Atonement. From the Text we know that Nisan is the New Year for months and festivals:

"And this month shall be to you the first of the months; the first is it for all the months of the year"(Exodus XII,2); therefore we have two New Year occasions which is the New Year for settlements and jubilees, and Nissan, the New Year for months, festivals, and holy days. The Rabbanites interpret the term" Shouting--Terouah-- as a blast on the ram's horn (shofar -) and base it on the verse:

"God ascended amidst shouting the Lord amidst the sound of the horn" (Psalms XLVII, 6). Our sages, however, state that the shouting does not necessarily have to be through the use of the shofar; It may be made with other instruments, but it is also created by the raising of the voice in joy. Our sages supported their view with the following:

"And Joshua commanded the people, saying: Ye shall not shout nor let your voice be heard" (Joshua VI,10)

"All the people shall shout with a great shout." (Joshua VI,5)

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord; Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalms XCV,1)

"let us come to His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout for joy unto Him with psalms" (Psalms XCV, 2)

"Be glad and shout, O daughter of Jerusalem." (Zephaniah) From this we have learned that "shouting" is not necessarily the blast of the ram's horn, but sometimes may be a trumpet, sometimes a ram's horn, and very often the human voice raised to a higher pitch.

Therefore, all kinds of noise created by musical instruments such as the trumpet or shofar are not used today as we have no Temple and we do not offer sacrifices or oblations; the text has made this clear in two places as noted above: "It is a day of shouting unto you". This was at the time of the Kingdom, and this shouting was accompanied by instruments such as the trumpet and the shofar in those days. The second verse we quoted is:

"A memorial of the shouting shall ye have." This clearly indicates the time of dispersion, when no instruments are used, but only the voice: that is the prayer. It should be noted that several other festivals and holy days in the time of the Kingdom were marked by the sounding of trumpet and shofar:

"Also in the day of your joy, and in your appointed seasons, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your feast offering; that they may be to you as a memorial before your God; I am the Eternal your God." (Numbers X, 10).

This usage no longer holds, and there is no reason why it should hold for the New Year. ■

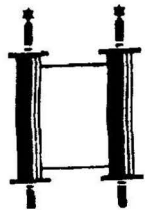
לא תקפץ את ירך מאחזך האביון (דברים מו,ו)

You shall not close your hand against your poor brother (Deutonomy 15,7)

BNEI MITSVAH

Joel Levi, daughter of Mr & Mrs Al Levi of Providence R.I., celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on June 24 1989.

David Isaac, son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Isaac of Los Angeles celebrated his Bar Mitzvah also on June 24 1989.



Double down.. Twins Mike & Ben Marzouk sons of Mr & Mrs Walter Marzouk in Seal Beach CA celebrated their Bar Mitzvah on July 15 1989.

David Moussa son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Moussa of Belmont CA became Hazzan #3 in the chronological order when he lead the karaite prayers on July 22, 1989.

GRADUATIONS

Allen Licha Graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Mathematical Sciences from UC Santa Barbara June 1989. Lisa Licha graduated with a B.A. in Social Sciences from UC Irvine June 1989.



WEDDINGS

Albert Pessah to Sylvia El Gamil. The groom is the youngest son of Mr & Mrs Yacoub Pessah. The Bride is the

daughter of Mr & Mrs Yacoub El Gamil. The wedding was performed by Rabbi Reiskin of Temple Shalom in Burlingame who used the blessings from our Karaite book Vol. IV.



Edna Dabbah, daughter of Rav Moshe Dabbah and the past keeper of the Karaite historic Synagogue in Jerusalem, was Married in April . Edna had offered to volunteer teaching the children in the USA in numerous letters that she addressed to KJA in 1986-1988.

ENGAGEMENTS

Suzan Marzouk, Daughter of Mr & Mrs Lieto Marzouk of Rochester N.Y., now residing in Ventura CA was engaged to Joe Saleh, son of Mr & Mrs Fred Saleh of Baltimore , MD.

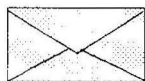


BIRTH

A Baby Boy was born to Ninette and Joe Schammas. The proud Grand Parents are Mr & Mrs Sabet Ovadia of S.F. and Mr & Mrs Jacques Schammas of Israel.

CORRESPONDENCES

We received a letter from a young karaite student in Hadassa Community College in Jerusalem who is in his second year of Dental



Technology. His name is Oved El Gamil. Oved an ardent and zealous young man has been actively studying karaism. In his recent visit to Germany he learned that the library of Leningrad has permitted the photograph of old documents including the special collection of Abraham Firkovitch. Said Library was closed to Westerners and contains numerous karaite treasures.

Oved is asking if there is anything the KJA can do to obtain copies of these manuscripts. He also proposed to volunteer two months of his time to come and teach the traditions and the religion to our children in the USA.

He wants to bring them to understand the etymology of the words of the prayers, our history and our folklore songs. He said that these children have the right to learn their traditions like the karaite children in Israel.

From his plan he hopes to get the children to love their religion and be closer to their brothers in Israel.

Yomtov & Daniele Hefez are leaving California to resettle in Boston. A party was held to wish them good luck at Maurice & Solange darwish's home. Many friends will miss this dynamic couple. □

You should know of the existence of certain funds that have been initiated by some of the community supporters namely:

A- Fund of Continuing Education which was started by Dr. Yacoub Masuda to help any member who wants to continue his education in the field of his choice and needs financial support.

B- Fund for the Needy which was started by Benoit Massuda and is available for the needy in our community. □

If you plan to settle in California, or have a son who wants to go to college in California you will find it helpful to call Fortune Lichaa at (415)992-8507. There will always be a welcoming hand and you may be near your community. □

If you are thinking about making your family tree call Mr. Benoit Masuda in Great Neck N.Y. □

MISCELLANEOUS

Let your brother live beside you
(Leviticus 25,36)

וְחִי אֲחִיךָ עִמָּךְ (ויקרא כה,ל)

THE CHALLENGE CORNER

1- IN THE BIBLE THE FIRST ARMED OPERATION TO RESCUE HOSTAGES WAS CONDUCTED BY: a) Abraham to free Lot
b) Moses to liberate the Israelites c) David in his fight with Goliath

2- AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE THE KARAITES OFFER PRAYERS IN LIEU OF THE SACRIFICES; THEREFORE THEY PRAY EACH DAY: a) Once b) Twice c) Three times

3- OUR TSITSIT HAS BLUE FRINGES BECAUSE: a) It makes it more colorful b) White and blue is the color of the flag c) It is written

4- THE PERIOD OF MOURNING FOR THE DEAD IS THIRTY DAYS BECAUSE IT IS: a) A written custom in the Bible c) A commandment in the Bible c) None of the above

5- THE OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN ISRAEL IS THE KARAITE SYNAGOGUE OF ANAN HANNASSI IN JERUSALEM a) True b) False

6- YOM TEROU'AH IS ALSO KNOWN AS: a) Yom Kippour b) Soukkot c) Rosh Hashana d) Purim

7- WE READ THE STORY OF JONAH ON YOM KIPPOUR BECAUSE: a) It entertains the tired worshippers b) The theme of the story is similar to Yom Kippour's c) All of the above

See back page for answers.



THE RECIPE :

GOZ BE'TOM

(FOR SHABBAT AND KIPPOUR BEFORE FASTING)

This recipe is a specialty plate designed to be served cold, so not to consecrated the shabbat. The recipe was never documented but passed on to the karaite daughters, the mothers of the future, by older women, especially by nonnas (grand mothers). A young woman will first be shown how, then will be supervised to cook following the recipe that has no measures or weights. Will she succeed ? That, will be written on the family member faces when they will sit at the Shabbat lunch table. Crowned for fame she will be if the plate conveys the well recognized aroma. All the respect then goes to nonna. It was hard for us to get such a recipe devoid of the words "A little bit of this, a grain of that, belbaraka (with blessing) or Bennazar (by in-sight). Here it is:

Goz be'tom

- 1 Large chicken or turkey legs (4-5 lbs)
- 1 Bunch of Swiss chard
- Use only the green leaves
- 4 Cloves of garlic
- 1 Tablespoon of dill weed
- 1 Cardamom pod cracked or 1 teapoon cardamon powder
- 1 Teaspoon salt , 1/2 Teaspoon white pepper
- 3 Tablespoon oil for frying
- Fry the swiss chard until dark and dry (may



be prepared ahead and refrigerated)

- In a large pot, add the chicken on 6 cups of boiling water.
- Remove the skim that floats.
- Add salt, white pepper, cardamom and cook till the chicken is tender
- Remove the chicken from soup and let the soup boil to concentrate to about two cups of broth.
- Debone the chicken and cut into cubes.
- In a saucepan, add pressed garlic, fried Swiss chard, dill weed and fry in two tablespoon of oil till crisp then swiftly add one cup of broth and remove from heat.
- Use blender to blend the above garlic mixture until creamy.
- Add remaining broth, cut chicken, creamy garlic mixture and simmer on low heat for 20 minutes.
- Pour in a large Pyrex and let cool.
- Preferred when served cold

BETEAVON , BON APPETIT !

Note:

We would like to hear from you if you have a recipe to share .

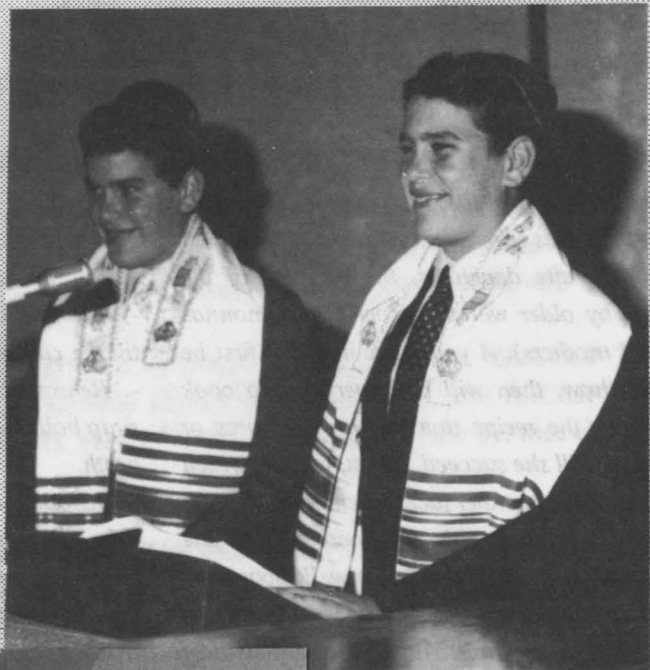
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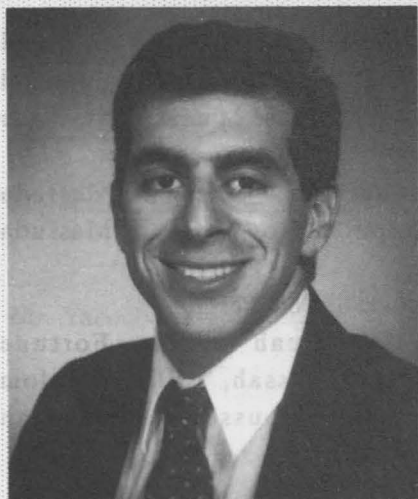


THE TWINS

Mike & Ben celebrating their bar Mitzvah. Their father Walter Marzouk made sure beforehand to buy them tallit with blue fringes from Israel. The temple Rabbi said he has't seen such a beautiful Tsitsit before. The reason why we wear them is straight. "It's written"



David Isaac is not scared from heights. He celebrated his Bar Mitzvah with a big crowd of friends and relatives who travelled to L.A. for this unforgettable occasion.



Allen Lichaa from L.A.

CONGRATULATION S ALLEN !

For your graduation from U.C. Santa Barbara with a B.S. degree in applied Mathematics and also for your new job at EDS. Good Luck !



- David Moussa

You worked hard and performed, David. Now you proved you can lead our Shabbat prayer as a Hazzan in our temple. Keep up the good spirit and enthusiasm.

FROM	IN BLESSING MEMORY OF:
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Errata :

*We appologize for the mistake in
last issue. Should read:*

from Mrs Nelly Selim (Modesto) In memory of her husband Zaki Selim

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Prayers For a Speedy Recovery. H'OLE

From Fred Lichaa, Joseph Moussa, Joe Pessah for **Mr. Elie Moussa**

From Esther Ovadia for her mother **Mrs. Rose El Kodsi.**

With love from Mrs. Alice Ovadia for **Mr. Tom Selim** wishing him a quick recovery.

From Mrs. Zaki Mourad for **Mr. Ishak Eliahou Mordekhai.**

From Amira Abel to her dear mother **Mrs. Flore Mourad** wishing her good health.

Best wishes for good health for **Mrs. Regina Shammas.**

From Mr. Yacoub Pessah wishing his wife **Rachel**, a speedy recovery.

Note:

All the zekher and blessing prayers conducted during our Shabbat services are free for the asker. If you wish to remember a dear one with prayers, all you have to do is call or write to KJA Attn: Joe Moussa our Gabbai.

Prayers of Blessings And Thanks

BERAKHA

Dr. Yacoub Massuda for initiating and contributing to an education fund.

Mrs. Aziza Moussa for the blessing s of her children

Mrs. Mary Mourad for the blessing of her mother and children

Mr. Elie Moussa for the blessing of his wife, Morris Moussa, David and Debbie Maleh

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Mr. Yacoub Pessah for the blessing of his son Eliahou

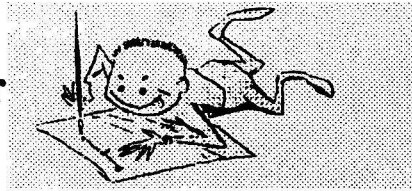
Mr. Joseph Moussa who donated 2 carpets for the synagogue for the blessing of his son David when he conducted our shabbat prayer.

Mr. Joe Pessah for the blessing of his

אשרי משכיל אל רל, ביום רעה ימלטוה' (תהלים מא,ב)

Blessed be he who considers the poor: the Lord will deliver him
in the day of trouble (Psalms 41,2)

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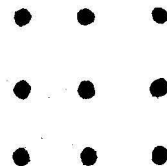
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1- Find the hebrew words of this verse :

שמע ישראל יי אלהינו יי אחד

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2- How could you join all 9 points with 4 line segments without removing or retracing your pen ?



Answer to the Challenge Corner : 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-a, 5-a, 6-c, 7-b

